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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT

REF: A) STATE 048536, B) USBERLIN 0392 C)BERLIN 75 6277

1. THE EMBASSY HAS APPOINTMENT WITH MFA CULTURAL SECTION NEXT THURSDAY,

MARCH 11, TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO GET THE LOAN OF MUSICAL MANUSCRIPTS

BACK ON TRACK.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, THE INFORMATION IN REFTEL B IS ENCOURAGING AND THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SMITHSONIAN OFFICIALS PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF LOANS FROM THE WEST BERLIN NATIONAL LIBRARY.

3. AS TO REASONS FOR THE SEEMINGLY CONTRADICTORY POLICY ON THE LOAN TO THE SMITHSONIAN, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GDR AUTHORITIES WERE

UPSET BY THE NATIONAL GALLERY'S WITHDRAWAL OF ITS REQUEST FOR THE VON HUMBOLDT PORTRAIT AFTER IT HAD BEEN REFURBISHED FOR THE JEFFERSON BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT (AMASSADOR ADVISED BY ADAMS LETTER OF FEB 6).

4. THEY MAY ALSO HAVE REACTED ADVERSELY TO THE PREMATURE PUBLICITY ON THE LOAN IN THE U.S. AND WEST GERMAN PRESS AND ESPECIALLY TO THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL THAT "THE MANUSCRIPTS FROM EAST BERLIN REPRESENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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'AN ISOLATE EFFORT INSTITUTED BY THE SMITHSONIAN' AND SHOULD

NOT BE INTERPETED AS SIGNIFYING A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EAST GERMANY"(WASHINGTON POST,
DECEMBER 30, 1975).COOPER

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